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GCSE results at ten-year high

Class of 2009 written into local history books



Waltham Forest has seen ten years of GCSE improvements

There were celebrations across the borough last week, as Waltham Forest announced a decade of GCSE improvement.

The Class of 2009 wrote themselves into local history books after early results at the time of print showed 46 per cent of pupils had gained five or more A* to C grades, including English and Maths; up from 44 per cent last year.

Education in Waltham Forest has never been so good.

Notably, two schools told to improve last year showed their true colours by zooming out of the danger zone, with increases of seven and 11 per cent respectively.

Happy teens were keen to share their stories with Waltham Forest News.

"I'm ecstatic about my results," said Negeshwar, who got all As and Bs. "Thanks to the work I've done I'm looking forward to studying fine art at college."

So where do our bright young stars shine next?

"I'm off to the Brit School," claimed Kalan, after gaining

eight A* to C grades from Norlington School for Boys. "Waltham Forest News can interview me again when I'm on TV!"

Others were looking to be leaders of the future. "I want to go to college to study politics, philosophy and English language," said Makiya. "I can't believe how well I've done."

Cllr Liaquat Ali, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, hailed the milestone as a sign of the times in Waltham Forest.

"It is no cliché to say our children are the future, and the dedication that local youngsters have shown for ten years now, is something to be very proud of," said Cllr Ali.

"Education in Waltham Forest has never been so good and with further investment, the future will only see better schools achieving better results."

More info

Visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk for more on GCSE results or contact the schools direct.

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In my opinion

Yusuf Hansa

Chairman, Noor Ul Islam Trust



The Islamic Month of Ramadan is now upon us and Muslims throughout the world are undertaking a spiritual renewal of their souls by fasting during the day and worshipping more than usual.

Just as one would service their car to ensure its smooth

and efficient running, Muslims see Ramadan as the time of year to detoxify and to reawaken their Islamic identity. It is also used as an ideal opportunity to learn more about Islam, as a Muslim thirst for knowledge should never be satisfied.

Is fasting difficult? Well it's not meant to be easy! However, the spiritual benefits outweigh the struggle to go through the day without food or drink. Due to its benefits, Muslims are actually saddened when Ramadan ends. To make up for this sadness the festival of Eid is celebrated.

Eid is a time for the community to meet and enjoy themselves. Muslims in the Waltham Forest community are as diverse as it comes. There are those from Africa, Asia, Australasia, North and South America and of course a growing native British and European group of Muslims. Eid teaches us to meet and mix with each other in order to develop friendship and understanding.

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This greater understanding increases the knowledge one has, a must for all Muslims.

Whilst there is an acknowledgement in the Quran (Islamic holy book) that people from different cultures will have differences, it encourages us to foster trust and understanding. This extends to the whole of humanity, regardless of religion.

Part of being a good Muslim is to benefit all those around you. It lays great importance on one's neighbours. Everyone, regardless of having a religion or not, should aim to support those around them. If everyone in the borough takes care and ensures that their neighbour is safe from their actions, noise and disturbance and we actually look out for our neighbours, this borough can be one of the best places to live.

Want to have your say?

If you live or work in Waltham Forest, have something you'd like to get off your chest, and can do it in around 300 words; Waltham Forest News wants to hear from you. Email the Editor at walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk and tell us what you'd like to write about.



Artist Anna Alcock will be exhibiting at Inky Cuttlefish Studios. photo © Katherine Green

On the trail in E17

- An artist-run project that gives local people the chance to exhibit their work and promote art practice
- The trail includes over 150 free exhibitions, events, talks and workshops

Art lovers will be on the path of the fifth annual E17 Art Trail this month. The trail

has grown every year and this year includes the work of more than 350 artists.

Every possible space will be utilised as a venue: from museums and galleries to homes, cafes and even hedges and bridges. The trail gives residents the chance to meet artists, take part in workshops or purchase a unique piece of art.

You can download a full guide to the trail, including a map of venues, from the trail website. So why not follow the trail and see the wealth of creative talent thriving in Walthamstow?

More info

For more information on the E17 Art Trail go to www.e17arttrail.co.uk

Fact file

- The trail runs from Saturday 5 to Sunday 13 September
- There are over 150 exhibitions, walks, talks and cycle rides on offer
- More than 350 artists' work will be shown at 90 venues across Walthamstow
- The theme of this year's trail is home, to celebrate the places residents work and live and also that so many artists are opening their homes to the public
- Three exhibitors received Arts Council England funding – Image 17; a group of photographers, Valerie Grove; a local artist and Della Rees; another local artist
- The trail is a family friendly event, and this year there are events created especially with families in mind
- For the first time the trail will include craft as an artistic discipline.



Shut Up and Ride – entrants in the World Beard and Moustache Championships – by Nick Morley

Waltham Forest News

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Council calls for back-up

- Police hear request for extra bobbies on the beat
- Council claims a further 120 officers needed

Leading police representatives met with local councillors last week to discuss calls for 120 more bobbies in the borough.

Police are being urged to consider the borough's call for back-up after a Metropolitan Police Service report showed a clear discrepancy between crime levels per resident in Waltham Forest, and policing levels in other London boroughs.

"Our police do a fantastic job in very difficult circumstances, but they are woefully under resourced," said Cllr Chris Robbins, Leader of Waltham Forest Council.

"Waltham Forest has the fourth highest rate of serious crime per police officer in London but makes do with a stretched force. Hackney has

virtually the same level of crime but 199 more police officers to deal with it; that's not right."

Issues such as gang violence and street crime were top of the agenda at the meeting.

"It was a good discussion," added Cllr Robbins, "very positive indeed. We've met the

powers that be and presented clear evidence that we're short a good 120 officers; the ball is in their court now.

"The Council recognises the police have an issue with their resources, and certainly improvements have been made – the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, for

example, are invaluable – but it's not enough.

"We have made it clear to the MET that crime is one of our residents' main concerns and we are listening and responding.

"If we don't get these additional officers this time round, we'll go back again and again, and I'm confident we'll do so with the support of all Waltham Forest residents."



Councillors say 120 more police officers are needed

More info

Look out for future Waltham Forest News editions for any updates, or for more information on why the Council wants more officers, visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/backup

In brief

Meet the big buyer

Local businesses are being offered a lift in these tough economic times thanks to a 'meet the big buyer' event on Wednesday 16 September.

The event takes place at Chingford Assembly Hall, The Green, Station Road, Chingford E4 7EN from 10am-3pm and will give business owners the chance to meet 30 of the borough's biggest suppliers, to network and find out exactly what services, and skills they're currently seeking. So, whether your company specialises in IT, catering or cleaning, why not pop along and see what other businesses are looking for?

- For more information on the event call 020 8496 3000.

Dyslexic pupils help

Pupils with dyslexia and dyspraxia, making the move to secondary school this September, were given a taste of what's to come at the second Waltham Forest Dyslexia Association (WFDA) summer school.

The week-long session prepares children with these specific learning difficulties by demonstrating the differences between the two types of schools.

"At primary school, you spend almost all day in one classroom," explained Adèle Bird, WFDA Chair. "We offer mock lessons in things like wood work and sports. This helps the children understand the idea of moving from one lesson to the other; that lessons don't come to them. It's about making the transition as easy as possible."

- For more information visit www.wfda.org.uk

Poisonous snake removed

A deadly pit viper was removed from a residential home in Waltham Forest after it was discovered by police during a routine search.

The horrified officers discovered the four foot long bright green snake dozing in a vivarium in a home in Woodend Road, Walthamstow, and contacted the Council's animal warden.

Council officers informed the home owner that keeping the snake, which has venom

strong enough to kill a human, was illegal under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act, and he agreed to hand it over.

The pit viper's venom is designed to immobilise, kill and then digest its prey and most pit viper strikes are aimed at the extremities of the human body.

The venom works by destroying tissue and is capable of causing significant and disfiguring damage to flesh and muscle but deaths from bites are rare and almost

entirely limited to children and the elderly.

The viper was collected by an expert snake handler, using a stick and a bag, and taken to the quarantine centre at Heathrow before being given to a zoo.

The owner of the snake is likely to be cautioned.

One resident, who asked not to be named, said: "It's certainly not the sort of thing you expect to hear living in a residential road. Just thinking about what would have happened if it had escaped sends shivers down my spine."

More info

For more information about the work of the Council's animal warden, contact Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000.



The Walthamstow pit viper has a new home



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In brief

Mecca travel precautions

Anyone planning on embarking on a pilgrimage this year is being warned to take extra precautions, after one resident lost a £2,000 deposit on a trip to Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia. After paying the deposit, his tour operator went out of business, taking his money with them. Trading Standards officers are now visiting every travel agent and tour operator in Waltham Forest to check they are all operating lawfully. The team are warning pilgrims to check their tour operator has an ATOL licence, and agree a tour itinerary in writing before handing over any money.

- If you have any concerns, contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 or call Waltham Forest's Trading Standards team on 020 8496 3000.

Unlicensed beauty treatment prosecution

A company offering manicures and pedicures has been ordered to pay £840 by magistrates. Xxxx xxxxxx xxxxxx xxxxxx, based in xxxxx xxxxxx, xxxxxxxxxxxxxx, was found to be offering the treatments without a Special Treatment Licence. The owner of the premises failed to attend Waltham Forest Magistrates' Court on 30 July but was found guilty in her absence and fined £300 and ordered to pay £540 costs.

- For more information on licensing in Waltham Forest, call 020 8496 3000 or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk

Drugs machine in use

A new drug detecting machine is now in use across the borough, as the authorities seek to crackdown on substance abuse in public places such as pubs and clubs. The Ion Track Itemiser machine works by taking swabs from around the venue, looking for any traces of drugs or illegal substances. These swabs are then fed into the machine which can confirm whether drugs are present. If any positive samples are found, the licence holder will work with police and council officers to put an appropriate plan in place to make sure drugs are not being taken on their premises.

- For more information, contact Trading Standards on 020 8496 3000.

Arcade site update

Lots of residents have had their say on how they think the former Arcade site could be used temporarily, with many more enjoying the weekend entertainments since it re-opened to the public. As well as keeping an eye on Waltham Forest News, residents can now keep up to date with what's happening thanks to a new events board, displayed alongside some eye-catching works of art along the site's hoardings. Time's running out if you've not yet had your say though, so pick up a questionnaire from Walthamstow Town Hall, Walthamstow Library or the Hoe Street WFD before 7 September.

- For more information on the site or to fill in the questionnaire call 020 8496 3000 or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/walthamstow-arcade-site



Dapper chappies dolled up for the Mercury Prize

All that jazz

- Local band, Led Bib, in running for prestigious Mercury Prize
- Band shows a soft spot for E17 amidst media fanfare



As many a music fan will already know, this year's Mercury Prize is looming and such well-known names as icy electropop duo La Roux and off-kilter indie rocker Bat For Lashes are in the running for the prestigious award. Dig a little deeper than the MTV-friendly bill-toppers, though, and you'll find Walthamstow transplants Led Bib quietly confident on the sidelines; their innovative jazz rock wowing genre aficionados and broadsheet journalists alike.

"Over time the press have become more supportive and the audiences have too," says drummer and bandleader Mark Holub.

think they were interested in contemporary jazz will check us out because we're on the list, and that's an amazing opportunity."

Walthamstow's great, there are loads of musicians and artists here.

"I suppose this has made our main goal to get our music out to as many people as possible. People might start off thinking they won't like us because our music is 'jazz' or 'improvised', but then they hear us and love it." As for what their Mercury nomination has done for them, Mark is quick to reply: "It's brought publishing deals, endorsement deals and even offers to dress us for the ceremony," he chuckles. "More than that, though, it brings us to a wider audience – people who didn't

Glitz and glamour aside, Mark is quick to put in a good word for his adoptive home. "I moved to Walthamstow a year and a half ago and love it. "It's such a great community I convinced most the other guys to move here, too. We all really like it, and it's great as there are loads of musicians and artists living around here, meaning there's always someone to go to the pub with."

More info
To find out more about Led Bib, visit www.myspace.com/ledbib

Fact file

- The Mercury Prize is an annual music prize awarded for the best album from the UK or Ireland
- It was established in 1992 as an alternative to the Brits and first awarded to Primal Scream for their 'Screamadelica' album
- Albums are nominated by a panel of musicians, record industry execs and journalists
- Former winners include the likes of PJ Harvey, Portishead, Franz Ferdinand and Dizzee Rascal
- This year sees 12 nominees, including La Roux, Florence And The Machine, Bat For Lashes, The Horrors and Friendly Fires
- The prize will be awarded on 8 September and you can tune in to watch the ceremony at 10pm on BBC2 or watch online at www.bbc.co.uk/music/events/mercuryprize

Vel hello there

- New webcam launched to show Velodrome construction
- 6,000 seater venue is already taking shape

Anybody interested in keeping up-to-speed with construction of the new London 2012 Velodrome, can do so from the comfort of their own living room now thanks to a new webcam.

The Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) launched the webcam earlier this month, giving the public a front row seat of the huge construction progress being made on site.

The 6,000 seat Velodrome and adjacent BMX track will host the Olympic track cycling and BMX events, as well as Paralympic track cycling events in 2012.

Work began on the venue in March, with over 150 staff now working on the site.

Foundations are already laid and the first above ground structural elements are well underway.

Once completed, the Velodrome will include a 360 degree concourse level, offering fantastic views over the Olympic Park, and out to the London skyline.

On a recent visit to the site, Beijing hero, Paul Manning, praised the plans.

"I was hugely impressed by the progress that has already been made on site,"

said Paul, who picked up Gold for Team GB in 2008.

"The new webcam will be a great way to see the Velodrome continue to take shape."

The ODA says that after 2012, the structure will be used by elite athletes and the local community alike, and is set to include a café, bike hire and cycle workshop facilities.

A road cycle circuit and mountain bike course will also be added to the Velodrome and BMX circuit once the Games have come and gone.



A glimpse of the future

In brief

March against violence

Hundreds of people took part in a peaceful march through Walthamstow on 24 August, to make a stand against gun and knife crime in Waltham Forest.

The event was organised by the parents of murdered teenager CJ Hendricks and started in Abbots Park, before finishing at Walthamstow Town Square where a montage of images of CJ was shown on the big screen, close to where the 18-year-old was found fatally wounded.

CJ's mum, Melanie, told Waltham Forest News: "We want an end to knife and gun crime. Too many young lives have been taken and it has to stop."

- For more information on work to tackle violent crime, contact the Community Safety team on 020 8496 3000 or go to www.walthamforest.gov.uk/safety

Bogus bailiffs

Residents are being warned of bogus bailiffs operating in the borough.

Two men wearing blue shirts and driving a white van have been reported clamping vehicles and demanding payment for their release.

So far, the men have removed the clamps and fled when dubious residents have threatened to call the police.

Remember: your car can be clamped for any number of reasons, including offences committed outside of the borough. But any legitimate clamping will carry details of the warrant.

Do not hand over any money until you have verified the evidence.

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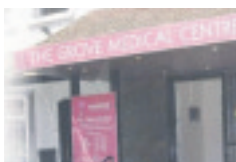
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Our Environment

In brief

New technology speeds road repairs

New technology introduced across the borough means road repairs can now be carried out quicker.

Using wireless technology, all Waltham Forest highways and street work inspectors have been issued with handheld devices allowing them to record their inspections while they are out on the road.

This means inspectors can report any problems when they spot them and order a repair team to be despatched, before they get back to the office.

The handheld computers also have records of all previous road repairs, so there should be no nasty surprises once the team turns up.

• For more information on highways and street works, call 020 8496 3000.



Keeping parks safe

Park wardens have been introduced into three of the borough's parks to help make them safer and more family friendly.

After reports of frequent anti social behaviour in Cann Hall Park (Leytonstone) Thomas Gamuel Park (Walthamstow) and Skeltons Lane Park (Leyton) the wardens have been put in place to tackle any problems there.

If the scheme, which started on 20 July, is successful, it may be extended to other parks in the borough.

There are six premier and 18 local parks in Waltham Forest, as well as a large number of open spaces.

• For more information on the new park keepers, contact the Green Space team on 020 8496 3000.

Honour a local hero

Waltham Forest residents are being asked to nominate people who help tackle crime and anti social behaviour in their community for a new award.

The Community Crime Fighter awards are a government scheme which recognises volunteers who have worked with the police and Council to make their areas safer.

There are two categories: people who have taken a stand against anti social behaviour, or professionals such as police and housing officers, who have provided a high quality responsive service.

Nominations for the awards must be received by Friday 25 September 2009 and the results will be announced in December 2009.

• For more information and to nominate someone for a Community Crime Fighter Awards, go to www.communitycrimefighters.org.uk/awards



Mechanised street sweepers pick up all they can...

A day in the life of Leytonstone's litter

- Main roads need constant sweeping
- Most rubbish thrown from vehicles

Early each morning a small but dedicated team of street sweepers starts the labour of love that is cleaning Leytonstone High Road.

Pavel Tylecek manages street cleansing in Leytonstone.

"We have usually cleared the main streets by 8am," said Pavel, "within an hour it needs sweeping again."

"I see people throwing cans and cigarette boxes out of their car windows and just dropping litter rather than putting it in a bin. It is a big problem."

Cleaning starts with a team emptying bins and clearing fly-tips, while a mechanised

sweeper traverses the roads and pavement before street cleaners move in to tackle the areas missed by hand.

The main grime hotspots in Leytonstone, Pavel says, are bus stops, tube stations and

pedestrians just dropping litter on the floor."

Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Bob Belam, said: "We spend £3.5 million a year keeping this borough tidy and it's not easy because

there is always someone who will come along and litter a road just after we've swept it."

People just drop litter rather than put it in a bin. It is a big problem.

the Green Man roundabout, which alone takes two days to sweep properly because of the volume of rubbish dumped there.

"I enjoy my job, but it's quite frustrating when you see drivers throwing rubbish out of their windows or



...before the troops move in on foot

More info

Report littering. If your information leads to a prosecution, you will be rewarded. Call 020 8496 3000

Go organic next week

- Organic Fortnight starts nationally next week
- Budding cooks are encouraged to host organic dinner parties

Organic Fortnight starts next week, and residents are being encouraged to test out the merits of going green and pass the knowledge on.

The fortnight, which runs from 5 to 20 September, is organised by national charity, the Soil Association, with this year's event focusing on why organic products offer great value for both your wallet and the planet.

"As thrifty shoppers look to make every pound go further, the benefits of going organic on a budget stretch far beyond great-tasting, additive-free food and drink," said Clio Turton, of the Soil Association.

"Organic food is first choice for consumers who want products which

don't just taste, look or feel good, but which are environmentally-friendly, ethical and healthy, too."

As part of the fortnight, residents already tasting the benefits of organic food are being encouraged to pass the knowledge on by hosting their own 'Organic credit-crunch dinner' for friends.

"Hosting a dinner is the perfect way to support the planet whilst entertaining your friends," added Clio. "The misconception that organic food is only for those with bigger wallets is long gone."

Among the many reasons campaigners claim organic food is best, are its environmental and ethical benefits.

As the food is produced without the use of many chemicals, fewer greenhouses gases are emitted.

Organic food also contains no pesticides or additives and organically reared animals are raised to free range standards.

"Many shoppers don't realise that organic products are also free range,"

concluded Clio. "Animals spend more of their lives roaming outside on fresh grass and have more space in their houses."

More info

For more information about Organic Fortnight, visit www.soilassociation.org



In brief



Car Free Day comes to Leytonstone

Thousands of people are expected to cycle, walk or jump on a bus to Leytonstone on 20 September, to enjoy this year's Car Free Day.

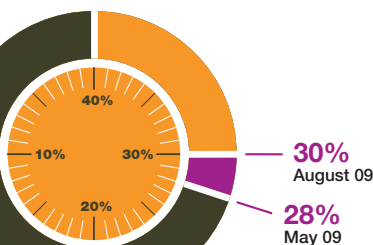
The event, which runs from 1pm to 7pm, aims to raise awareness of the health and environmental benefits of choosing to leave the car behind.

A whole host of stalls and information stands will be on site, providing information on everything from council services to the 2012 Games, alongside live bands, street performers and family-friendly entertainment.

So why not reclaim the streets just for a day, and make your way down to Leytonstone.

• For more information, call 020 8496 3000.

your 40



WE'VE DROPPED 1% COME ON WALTHAM FOREST - KEEP RECYCLING!

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Your views on the mixed recycling scheme

Parts of the borough have been trialling a mixed recycling scheme for the last five months and were recently asked their opinions on the service. We received a fantastic 2,550 responses, so thank you!

- You think the mixed recycling scheme is easier than kerbside recycling, convenient, quick and reduces spillage.
- You don't like that the scheme excludes textiles, engine oil and batteries.

Only 0.2 per cent of the recycling presented for kerbside collection is batteries and oil. You can recycle these at Civic Amenity (CA) sites, or car batteries can often be part exchanged when purchasing a replacement.

You may not want your old clothes, but other people do. Re-use them by giving them to a charity shop, clothing bank or CA site.

- You want to recycle food packaging, tetrapak and plastic film.

With kerbside collection the number of compartments on the collection vehicle is limited, restricting the number of different items that can be collected. With mixed recycling, sorting happens at the Multi Recovery Facility which enables a wider range of materials to be collected. We are looking into recycling more materials in the near future.

STATS

99% of you recycle glass, paper and card
96% of you recycle cans
82% of you recycle plastic bottles

For more information on the scheme visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/mixed-recycling or contact Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000.



Car Free Day

Leytonstone town centre



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Sunday 20 September, 1–7pm

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 - ◆ Bouncy castles
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 - ◆ Climbing wall
 - ◆ St John's Church open afternoon
 - ◆ Food from around the world and much more
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Air your views on council leadership



Waltham Forest Town Hall



Walthamstow markets

Changes to the law mean Waltham Forest has to decide how the Council will be led in the future. The Council is currently run by a leader (Cllr Chris Robbins) and a cabinet of nine other councillors who make most of the major decisions affecting the borough.

The Government requires all of London's councils to choose one of two new types of leadership by 31 December.

The first option is similar to the existing arrangement in Waltham Forest, with a council leader at the head of the decision-making process. However, under the new rules the leader's powers will be strengthened – he or she will be elected by full council for a four-year period (as opposed to the current one-year term) and will hold all executive powers. This is called the 'strong leader and cabinet' model.

The second option is called

the 'directly elected mayor and cabinet' model. This is not a new idea and has already been adopted by other London boroughs including Hackney and Newham. The mayor is not a councillor and is directly elected every four years by the borough's residents. He or she appoints the cabinet members and holds all executive powers.

One big difference is that an elected mayor can only be removed every four years at the ballot box, while the "strong" leader may be removed by a vote at full council at any time.

Some things won't change, however. Full council will keep its current powers and there will still be committees to determine individual planning and licensing applications. Similarly, the Overview and Scrutiny Committees will remain to review the work of the new leader or mayor and their cabinet.

The final decision will be made by full Council on 17 December and will come into force at the 2010 elections.

Given the importance of this decision, the Council is keen to hear residents' views on the matter and find out if they would prefer to see one of these options in Waltham Forest over the other.

More info

You can find out more about both options and the changes they involve online at www.walthamforest.gov.uk/council-leadership or by calling 020 8496 3000.

Have your say

You can email your thoughts to susan.yamansef@walthamforest.gov.uk or post them to Director of Governance & Law, Room 205, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4JF by 2 October 2009.



Consultation with local electorate and interested parties	August – early October 2009
Report to Audit and Governance Committee	25 September
Proposals to Cabinet for recommendation to full Council	6 October
Proposal to adopt one of the new executive models	22 October
Public Notice of Proposal	November – December
Resolution to adopt new executive arrangements (at special council preceding ordinary council meeting)	17 December
Constitutional changes made to reflect decisions	Jan to March 2010
Implementation	3 days after May 2010 elections
Election of new executive leader (if model adopted)/appointment of Cabinet	Annual Council meeting May 2010

Key dates for consulting, proposing, adopting and implementing a new Council leadership model.

Learning

In brief



Waltham Forest College

Waltham Forest College is the largest education and training provider in Waltham Forest. The College offers full-time and part-time, day and evening, vocational, professional and higher education courses in a wide range of subject areas. The vibrant College community comprises students from a diverse range of cultures, ages and circumstances; from school leavers, people in work and those returning to education after a break. Everyone can feel at home in this dynamic environment. By choosing to attend Waltham Forest College you stand every chance of becoming one of its future success stories.

• For more information visit: www.waltham.ac.uk

CLaSS act

Waltham Forest's Community Learning and Skills Service is looking forward to making sure local people can get off to a great start in September. This year CLaSS has introduced hundreds of brand new, short accredited courses to help people in taking the first steps towards working as teaching assistants, as play-workers, as administrators or in care homes, in shops, or doing book-keeping and accounts. In addition, there are more than a thousand courses for learning new skills, improving existing knowledge, gaining a qualification or turning a hobby into a business. There is the immense personal satisfaction to be gained from simply acquiring new skills.

• For more information visit:
www.walthamforestclass.gov.uk or call 020 8523 9355

Education for Success

The British Institute of Technology & E-commerce is located in the heart of East London. They provide high quality masters and bachelor degree programmes as well as professional courses such as NVQ. To meet the needs of existing and potential students, the British Institute of Technology & E-commerce was pleased to offer new courses for September - MBA Banking & Finance, LLM International Business and Commercial Law and BA Innovative Business. The three programmes are awarded by Coventry University and meet the latest industry requirements. Last minute applications for September admissions are welcomed.

• For further information, please visit our website:
www.bite.ac.uk or call 020 8552 3071



There's never been a better time to get back into learning

Learning is for life

- Thousands of courses are available locally
- Degrees, practical and creative courses are all on offer

Learning doesn't have to stop when you leave school. Whether you're trying to get a foot on the career ladder, want to give yourself that competitive edge when it comes to landing your dream job or are looking to embark upon a new career altogether – or simply a new hobby – there are thousands of full and part-time learning opportunities, locally, to help you get there.

There are courses designed to help you get ahead in business, foreign languages, computer skills or healthcare. There's something on offer whatever it is you want to do. Studying also gives you the chance to meet new people with shared interests, unwind



and take your mind off your day-to-day concerns.

And if memories of school days put you off, remember:

it doesn't have to be all about hitting the books, writing essays or crunching numbers either. There are hundreds of hands-on courses and arts

activities that will allow you to indulge your creative streak.

With many local colleges, training centres and universities providing

hundreds of reasons why you should be enrolling and giving that grey

matter a workout, there's absolutely no excuse not to take the time to

check out your options and see what you could be doing with your time.

None of us wants to turn around later in life and wonder what could have been if we'd made the effort and investigated the opportunities on our doorstep – and inside this edition of Waltham Forest News - so start thinking now about what could well be the best decision you ever make.

Take the first step towards getting a degree...

Birkbeck Stratford, University of London and Community Learning and Skills Service are working together on an opportunity for you to take the first steps towards gaining new qualifications. We would like to invite you to an information, advice and guidance session where you will also have the opportunity to take part in some activities and speak individually to a tutor. This programme is specifically designed to meet the needs of mature students who have not been in education for some time.

Would you like to...

- Develop the skills and confidence to be able to go on to study for a degree?
- Study for one day a week?
- Take the first steps towards a new career?
- Learn about and debate contemporary issues
- Try out new subjects?

If you've always wanted to go to university but thought you never could, come along to find out if this course would suit you. No specific qualifications needed to get started.

The course starts in January in Walthamstow



FREE Advice and Information Session

Day:
Friday
11th September

Time:
10am - 1pm

Place:
Chestnuts House
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Contact:
020 7631 6666



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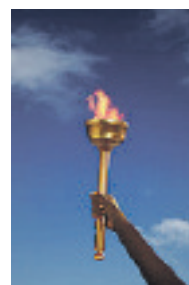
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Our Community

Leytonstone

In brief

Rings a bell

You might expect to hear church bells on a Sunday morning – even in the depths of Leytonstone – but stroll past St John’s Church on the one way system on a Monday evening and you will hear the bell ringers practising an art that has been going on here for 176 years (save for the silent war years of the early 40s).

The original six bells are now eight, after two new trebles were added in 1936, and despite what you might think, the bell ringers themselves are an eclectic mix – they’ve even featured a pagan in their ranks. The church also hosts a wide range of community events in the heart of this bustling area.

• For more information visit: www.stjohns-leytonstone.org.uk



Luna project

It may be small, it may be a bit hidden away, but Leytonstone’s Luna Lounge hosts an amazing array of live music within its basement walls. Located on Church Lane, underneath the Eatery restaurant, best bet is Sunday night’s Jazz evening. Here, a house trio is joined by guest musicians and enthusiastic audience members for jazz classics in a laid back atmosphere. There’s even great Indian grub from upstairs if the cool sounds make you peckish. Next up on 6 September, the Luna Trio is joined by ‘inventive’ jazz guitarist, Chris Ray.

• For more information see: www.jazzleytonstone.com and for guest spots call Paul on 07949 627336

Light Up Langthorne Park

Langthorne Park on Leytonstone High Road, will become alive with light installations and thrilling entertainment once again next month as the ‘Light Up Langthorne’ event wows the locals as the evenings draw in. Performing on the night will be the Jedi Jugglers, light spinners and the ever popular fire troupe. And if all that sounds a bit too exciting, you might prefer to ‘Find a Fairy’ in the herb garden while the young ones can have their faces painted. ‘Light Up Langthorne’ takes place on Saturday 26 September from 8pm.

• For more information visit: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/light-up



WorkBase Supported Employment offers training in anything from gardening to catering

Learning disability help

- Community Council grant helps fund employment project
- Catering, gardening, decorating and car washing are all available



Cann Hall and Cathall residents with learning disabilities are benefitting to the tune of £3,372 thanks to a Community Council grant to help them get into work.

WorkBase Supported Employment helps people with both learning disabilities and mental health problems get qualifications that will help them get into paid jobs, mostly in gardening and catering locally.

“We’ve got up to 66 people with learning disabilities on our books and they work anything from half an hour up to 15 hours a week,” explains Brian Fleming from Waltham Forest Mencap. “They do a wide variety of work; garden maintenance, CookieCo, who make buffets for business meetings, CafeCo, Lets Lunch, Lets Paint, which is a decorating service and WashCo, which is a carwash

service run by the service users themselves two days a week.

“It’s great because it shows them that they are capable of earning money and it gives them some independence. We have people earning £80 a week and they would never earn that outside in the normal work place because companies wouldn’t employ most of them.”

Residents voted to back the charity at their Community Council meeting and the first funds were released back in June.

More info

For more information about Workbase, email: bfleming@wfmencap.org.uk. For info on Community Councils visit: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/community-councils

Courses to Kick Start Your Dream Career

Looking for a Course?

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Saturday 29 August

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Tuesday 1 - Thursday 3 September

10am to 8pm

Friday 4 September

10am to 4pm

Saturday 5 September

10am - 1pm



How to find us...



What's On

Sports and fitness

Pilates

Wednesdays, morning and evening, from Wednesday 2 September. Beginners and general level classes at Leyton Youth Centre. Highly qualified teacher, small classes, booking essential. £6 per class. **Contact Alison on 07976 404783 or alison@abpilates.co.uk**

Athletics

Eton Manor Athletics Club. Does your child want to try athletics? Eton Manor Athletics Club are seeking youngsters, boys and girls, of all abilities to compete in young athletes track and field competitions for age 10 and upwards. Coaches are UK Athletics qualified and CRB checked. Walthamstow Pool & Track **Mondays and Thursdays from 6.30-7.30pm. Just turn up and try a session.**

Badminton sessions

Every Wednesday, 9.30am - 11.30am. The Peter May Sports Centre, Wadham Road, Walthamstow. All ages and standards welcome, equipment provided if needed. Just turn up and join in. **For more details please contact Dave or Nikki on nchesters@hotmail.com or 020 8529 1710.**

Coping Through Football

Tuesdays 2pm - 4pm at Peter May Sports Centre, Wadham Road Walthamstow. **Thursdays 2pm - 4pm** at The Score Centre, Oliver Road, Leyton E10. An innovative project aimed at adults living in Waltham Forest who have mental health problems, providing an

opportunity to get fit, improve physical and mental health, meet people and improve football skills. Sessions are run by coaches from Leyton Orient Community Sports programme. **For more information contact Matthew Howard-Jones 0844 600 1268 / 07825 527170 or matthew.howard-jones@nelmht.nhs.uk**

Fitness For Fun

Thursdays 8-9pm, Kelmscott Leisure Centre, 243 Markhouse Road, Walthamstow. Friendly, mixed group playing team sports including basketball and korfbal. We're non-competitive and play for fun. You'll find yourself getting fit without even noticing! Adults of all ages and abilities welcome - come and try it for free (regulars share the cost of hall hire). **For more information call Caramel on 020 8521 3765.**

'Fusion Funk' dance fitness class

Every Sunday, 3.15pm - 4.15pm. Fitness First, Leyton Mills Retail Park, Marshall Road, Leyton. Fun, fresh and funky! Rudeye Dance Agency presents 'Fusion Funk' a mixture of streetdance, hip hop, R&B, jazz, locking and popping. This class is suitable for beginners and general levels, includes warm up and routine. £4 for Fitness First members and £6 non members. **For more info visit www.rudeye.com or call 020 8556 7139.**

Gemini Square Dance Club

Every Monday 8pm - 10.30pm. Chandos Community Centre, Colegrave Road, E15 (parallel to Crownfield Road, E11). Beginners or experienced dancers welcome, partners not essential. Keep fit and have a laugh in our friendly club. £3.50 per evening. **Just turn up or phone 020 8529 1602 for more details.**

Over 40s badminton

Every Wednesday, 10.30am - 12pm. Leyton Youth Centre, Leyton High Road, Leyton, London E10. Regular Wednesday badminton sessions for the over 40s. £2.50 per session, just come along - we always need more players!

Vinyasa Flow Yoga

The Modern College of Music & Drama, 22 Orford Road, E17. **Monday evening at 7.30 - 8.45pm.** The suggested donation is £5, but if you can't afford that, donate what you can and enjoy all the benefits Yoga has to offer. **Contact Hayley for more information on 07842 149 119 or check out www.hayleyyoga.com**

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Clubs and community

Leyton and Wanstead Flower Club

Tuesday 1 September, 7.15pm. Cambridge Park Methodist Church Hall, Chapel Path, Wanstead. Flower arranging demonstration by Beryl Sedgely. Tea/coffee, raffle of flowers. £3.50

Table Top Sale

Saturday 12 September, 10am-1pm. St Edmund's Centre, 216 Chingford Mount Road, South Chingford. Fundraising event with stalls selling goods, gifts and refreshments - stalls also available to hire. **For more details contact Christine on 020 8524 8729 /**

church@stedmund.org.uk or visit www.stedmund.org.uk

Printmaking workshops and open access

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Inky Cuttlefish Studios, Lower Ground Floor, 5 Blackhorse Lane, Walthamstow. An artist-led professional printmaking studio offering etching and screenprinting workshops (Tuesdays, 7pm-9pm); open access to the printmaking studio (Wednesdays and Saturdays) and public access to the studio (Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 11am-4pm). **Visit www.inky-cuttlefish.co.uk to find out more.**

Royal British Legion Leyton

Second Tuesday of the month George Mitchell House, 31 Dunton Road, Leyton.

The Royal British Legion welcomes new members, come along on the second Tuesday of the month to see the clubhouse and sign up. Annual membership just £11. Functions include licensed bar, dances, tai chi, bingo, line dancing, quiz nights and much more. **Call 020 8558 0402 for more details.**

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Friday 25 September, 6am-12noon. This event is taking place in lots of venues. To find one, or to hold your own, please go to macmillan.org.uk/coffee. On 25 September have a coffee with your friends, family and colleagues and together raise money for people affected by cancer.

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Culture and crafts

'Big Push' Comedy night

Friday 4 September, 7pm. Walthamstow Assembly Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow. For the Mayor's Charity featuring: Mr. Wooden Legs, Julius Agwu, Okey Bakasi, Uche Ogbuagu, Nkem Owoh, MCMARK, V12 de London and more. Tickets £25 available from Bantuway or Tom and Jerry's Restaurant alternatively buy online at www.ibomedia.co.uk. **For further information contact Mr Benson on 07930 202 250**



A Question of Origins?

Saturday 5 September, 7.30pm. Harmony Hall, Truro Road, Walthamstow. Free documentary screening on the origin of life and the universe, with live RnB music and free refreshments. **Contact 07903831455 for more details.**

Forest Recorded Music Society

Every other Friday from 11 September, 7.30pm-9.45pm. All Saints Church Hall, Church Ave, Highams Park. Membership £15 per year. **Call Eunice Riches on 020 8520 6552 for more info.**

Chris Ray + Luna Trio

Sunday 6 September, 7.30pm. Luna Lounge, 7 Church Lane, Leytonstone. Inventive jazz guitarist with penchant for vocalese-backed solos. £3. Guest spots available. **Details from Paul on 07949 627336 or visit www.jazzleytonstone.com**

Luna Lounge - Splatter

Saturday 12 September, 8pm.

'Splatter' are Noel Taylor (clarinet), Anna Kaluza (alto sax), Raül Monsalve (electric bass) and Pharoah S Russell (drums) and will be joined by Alberto Popolla (soprano and bass clarinets) and Henrik Walsdorf (alto sax). £5/£4 concessions.

Ray Hardy + Luna Trio featuring Joe Bickerstaff

Sunday 13 September, 7.30pm. Luna Lounge 7 Church Lane Leytonstone E11 1HG. Mix of sheets of sound and lyrical melodies from saxman Hardy. £3. Guest spots available. **Details from Paul on 07949 627336 or visit www.jazzleytonstone.com**

E17Jazz Festival

Sunday 20 September. The Rose and Crown, 55 Hoe St, Walthamstow. Free afternoon concerts. Downstairs performance area 2pm Nick Tomalin trio, 3:15pm Brigitte Beraha trio, 4:30pm Dave Manington quartet, 5:45pm Jez Franks' Compassionate Dictatorship. Premiere of E17 Jazz Large Ensemble featuring special commission by Liam Noble. Upstairs in the theatre 7:30pm, £8



(£5 concessions).

Featuring additional music by Carlos Lopez-Real, John Turville, Dave Manington, Gav Broom and Bob Dowell. Children's Workshop at Vestry House Museum, Vestry Rd, 020 8509 1917. 9.30am – 12 midday. £5 per child (ages 6 years and upwards) info / bookings:www.myspace.com/e17jazz. e17jazz@googlemail.com



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Children and Young People

Social group for new mums and mums-to-be aged 13-18

Every Tuesday, 12noon-3pm. Ridgeway Park Children Centre, 82 Peel Close, Chingford. Meet up, exchange ideas, learn new parenting skills, surf the web and more. This event is free and offers a creche. To find out more call Kathy Hutton on 020 8529 3885 or visit www.ridgewayparkchildrencentre.org.uk

St Andrews Church playgroup

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9.30am-12.30pm. St Andrews Church, Colworth Road, Leytonstone. For children over 18 months up to nursery age – great fun for the kids. For more details contact Rosemarie on playgroup@standrewsleytonstone.org

STAY youth club

Thursdays, 6pm-7.45pm. St Andrews Church, Colworth Road, Leytonstone. A great venture for youngsters aged 11-14. Contact Rosemarie on stay@standrewsleytonstone.org for more details.

Stories, fun and games at Walthamstow Library

Every Thursday, 10.30am. Walthamstow Library, High Street, Walthamstow. Fun time for youngsters.

Story Time at Higham Hill Library

Every Tuesday, 11.30am. Higham Hill Library, North Countess Road, Walthamstow. Story time for youngsters.

Story Time at Lea Bridge Library

Every Wednesday, 2pm – 3pm. Lea Bridge Library, Lea Bridge Road, Leyton. Fun and stories for youngsters.

Stretch and Grow

Friday mornings. The Woodside Children's Centre, Wood Street, Walthamstow. Exercise and activities for children aged six months to five years. 9.30am – 10.15am for children 18 months – 3 years and 10.15am – 11.00am for children 3 – 5 years. £1 per family. For more details call 020 8509 4375.

Striveyouths Saturday school

Every Saturday, 10am-2pm. Mission Grove primary school and Children's Centre, Mission Road, Walthamstow. Offering arts, crafts, sports, English and numeracy lessons for children aged 5-14. £16 per month. Contact Meshak Taylor on 07939 241798 for more details.

Air Cadets, 27F Squadron

Mondays and Thursdays, 7.30pm-10pm. Old Drill Hall, Pretoria Road, Chingford. We would like to welcome new members aged 13-18 years old for excitement and adventure. You'll learn new skills, meet new

friends and go on wild sporting and adventure training outings, flying and shooting. There is something for everyone, it costs nothing to join and all activities are free so we look forward to seeing you.

For more details contact Miss C. Alexander on 020 8524 1757 / admin@27fsquadron.com or visit www.27fsquadron.com/index.html

Baby signing classes with TinyTalk

Every Monday (term-time only), 9.15am-10.15am and 10.30am-11.30am. Shern Hall Street Methodist Church Hall, Shernhall Street, Walthamstow. Suitable from newborn infants up to about 18 months – a fun hour of singing, signing, playtime and refreshments. For more information contact Jessica on 07826 541055 / jessicab@tinytalk.co.uk or visit www.tinytalk.co.uk

Baby Yoga Classes

Walthamstow Toy Library, Comely Bank Community Clinic. Five week courses running on Mondays. 12.45-1.45pm for parents with babies aged 5 to 12 months and 1.45-2.45pm for parents with babies aged 6 weeks to 5 months. For more details and to book a place, please contact Helen on 07939 607853 or walthamstowvillageyoga@hotmail.co.uk

Blaze

Wednesdays, 7pm-9.30pm. The ELOP Centre, Grove Road, Walthamstow E17. A mixed LGBT social group for young people (16 - 25), offering a range of activities, workshops and trips out; providing a safe supportive space where you can chill-out, relax, meet new friends and have fun. Through our young people's service we're also able to offer one-to-one support, guidance and counselling. Free

membership. To find out more contact ELOP on 020 8509 3898 or email youth@elop.org

Breast Buddies

Baby Feeding Group in the Ridgeway Perk Café. Drop in every Monday 1.00pm - 2.30pm At Ridgeway Park Children Centre, 82 Peel Close, Chingford. Chance to meet other families in a relaxed place. Get professional advice and support on any feeding issues. Contact Rosemeen (Midwife) or Cathy (Health Visitor) on tel: 020 8529 3885 or visit www.ridgewayparkchildrencentre.org.uk for more information.

Curumim - Brazilian parent and toddler playgroup

Second and fourth Saturdays of the month, 10am-12am. St Anne's Church Centre, 200 Larkshall Road, Chingford. A parent and toddlers group for Portuguese speaking parents and their children from 0 to 5 years old. The group is run on a voluntary basis by Brazilian mums in order to promote language and culture through play, crafts, games, songs and stories. £2 per child, plus £1 for each sibling. Contact Andrea on 07950 603709 or Val on 07840 196491 for more details.

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Messy Mites mother and toddler group

Mondays, 10.30am-12noon. St Andrews Church, Colworth Road, Leytonstone. Fun for youngsters and a great opportunity to meet other young mums – why not come along? Contact Dean'na on messy.mites@standrewsleytonstone.org

Messy Play Drop in Session 12.30 till 2.30pm

Every Monday during term time at The Village Pre-School, The Welcome Centre, St Mary's Parish Church Grounds, Walthamstow. Join in our fun activities and get messy without having to clear up! All under 5s welcome. Meet other parents while your child does painting, crafts, sticking and lots more.

For information about messy play or about joining our pre-school please call 0208 521 7170.

Tell us what's on

Call 020 8496 3000

Council Meetings

Monday 7 September

Pension Fund Committee

Tuesday 8 September

Planning Committee

Wednesday 9 September

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Tuesday 15 September

Cabinet

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16 September 2009, 10am-3pm

Chingford Assembly Hall,
The Green, Station Road,
Chingford E4 7EN

To register for the event or for further information, please contact
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If you have not registered, you can't vote, and you may find it difficult to get credit.



The future for children and young people services... have your say

Waltham Forest Council is currently consulting with parents, carers and families to identify priorities for services relating to children and young people.

The Council has commissioned WM Enterprise to run discussion groups and family interviews to inform recommendations on how services can be improved.

Those participating in the research will receive £15 and refreshments will be provided.

To get involved in one of the themed discussion groups or take part in a family interview please contact WM Enterprise:

020 3006 7667

petert@wm-enterprise.co.uk



Discussion group themes are:

- parents and carers of disabled children
- young mothers
- foster parents
- adoptive parents
- fathers



Family Information Service – Surgeries

Come and speak to one of our officers regarding information on services for children, young people and their families in Waltham Forest. If you require an appointment please call the Family Information Service on **020 8496 3000** or you can just pop in.

Chingford

Dates	Venue	Time
Tuesday 1 September 2009	Waltham Forest Direct Shop 265 Chingford Mount Road Chingford E4 8LP	All dates
Tuesday 6 October 2009		10am–12noon
Tuesday 3 November 2009		
Tuesday 1 December 2009		

Leyton

Dates	Venue	Time
Tuesday 1 September 2009	Waltham Forest Direct Shop 774-776 High Road Leyton E10 6AE	All dates
Tuesday 6 October 2009		10am–12noon
Tuesday 3 November 2009		
Tuesday 1 December 2009		

Walthamstow

Dates	Venue	Time
Thursday 3 September 2009	Waltham Forest Direct Shop 137 Hoe Street Walthamstow E17 4RT	All dates
Thursday 1 October 2009		10am–12noon
Thursday 5 November 2009		
Thursday 3 December 2009		

Leytonstone

Dates	Venue	Time
Thursday 3 September 2009	Waltham Forest Direct Shop 819 High Road Leytonstone E11 1HQ	All dates
Thursday 1 October 2009		10am–12noon
Thursday 5 November 2009		
Thursday 3 December 2009		

How to get in touch with us

Our service is available Monday to Friday 9am to 5.15pm

Please note: From September 2009 onwards we will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays till 6.30pm and Wednesday from 8am to 5.15pm.

Visit Us

Waltham Forest Family Information Service
Silver Birch House, Uplands Business Park, Blackhorse Lane, Walthamstow E17 5SD

Tel: 020 8496 3000 **Fax:** 020 8496 3599 **Email:** wfcis@walthamforest.gov.uk



Waltham Forest

Advertising

 **Sunday 20 September**

E17 Jazz Festival

The Rose and Crown, 55 Hoe Street, Walthamstow E17 4SA
Tel 020 8509 3880

Free afternoon concerts
Downstairs performance area
2pm Nick Tomalin trio
3:15pm Brigitte Beraha trio
4:30pm Dave Manington quartet
5:45pm Jez Franks' Compassionate Dictatorship

Premiere of E17 Jazz Large Ensemble
featuring special commission by Liam Noble
Upstairs in the theatre
7:30pm, £8 (£5 concessions).
Featuring additional music by Carlos Lopez-Real, John Turville, Dave Manington, Gav Broom and Bob Dowell.

Vestry House Museum Vestry Road, Walthamstow E17 9NH
Tel 020 8496 4391 www.walthamforest.gov.uk/vestry-house

Children's Workshop 10am - 12:30pm
£5 per child (ages 6 years and upwards)

Info / bookings:
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School meals

are even healthier and more nutritious

Why not give school meals a try this term, they are tasty and nutritious, so it's easy for children to make healthy choices and try new dishes.

Did you know?

- All meals are made with carefully chosen fresh ingredients
- A school meal costs just £1.70 a meal in primary schools and £1.75 in secondary schools or you may qualify for free school meals, call 0845 877 0031 or ask at the school office
- Our bread is freshly baked each morning
- We offer a wide selection of food including Caribbean, Asian, and European as well as traditional dishes
- From September, secondary school meals will meet the new government nutritional standards, with healthier foods to benefit your child's health

If you have any comments or suggestions which can help us to develop our menus or you would like more information on school meals:
Call Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000 and ask for school meals or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schoolmeals



South Grove pupils enjoyed free taster sessions earlier this year

Food for thought

- All school meals now meet national nutritional standards
- Prices are frozen, not the meals



All school meals now meet nutritional guidelines

Parents have food for thought this summer, with next term's school meals set to be healthier than ever before.

From September, all school meals will meet national standards for nutrition, meaning maximum taste with

minimum waste.

The move is in line with national efforts to get more pupils eating healthier food at school.

Locally, eight in ten children eligible for free school meals are already signed up and with prices frozen at a

Often parents don't realise how good school meals are now. Nothing is frozen any more, it's all cooked fresh on the day.

maximum of £1.75 a meal for the third year running, schools are hoping they can encourage even more families to enjoy the recession-busting lunches.

"Often parents don't realise how good school meals are now," said Christine, who cooks at Larkwood Junior School. "Nothing is frozen any more, it's all cooked fresh on the day."

"We've come a long way. We've got seasonal menus, multi-cultural dishes and plenty of fruit and vegetables. School meals are fantastic value for money."

Last year, pupils and

parents alike had the chance to enjoy taster menus to see if school meals really do cut the mustard. And the verdict? A resounding 'yes'.

"I didn't use to eat school dinners but now I do," said Charlie, at South Grove Primary. "I've tried things I'd never have eaten before and really like it."

More info

To find out if your child is eligible for free school meals, or for more information, call **0845 877 0031** or visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schoolmeals**

In brief



Life after exams

If you didn't get the GCSE grades you wanted, don't panic – help is at hand.

Waltham Forest's many careers advisors are available to give advice on college courses, training and employment.

"If pupils haven't got the grades they were expecting, the most important thing is not to worry," said careers advisor Richard Dalton.

"If they've applied for courses at colleges or sixth forms, they may still have a place, so they should still attend any enrolment days."

"Alternatively, careers advisors are on hand at the Connexions Centre all next week to discuss what comes next."

- To speak to a careers advisor, call **020 8496 3000** or visit the Connexions Centre at Juniper House, 221 Hoe Street, E17.

New home for Edinburgh

Developers have got the green light to start construction of a brand new primary school campus on Queens Road, Walthamstow.

Planned for completion in September 2011, the site is set to be the new home of Edinburgh Primary School.

Among the many benefits of the new building, the site will be bigger than the current campus, providing much needed spaces to meet the demand for primary school placements.

Other plans for the school include an entire floor dedicated to adult learning services and a state-of-the-art games area for community use.

- Look out for more information in forthcoming editions of Waltham Forest News.

Rising to the challenge

Tom Hood School, Leytonstone, had a double celebration last week after becoming one of the most improved schools in the borough.

Forty per cent of pupils gained five or more A* to C grades in English and Maths, up 11 per cent on 2008.

The turnaround means official intervention is no longer on the cards, just one year after the government told the school to improve.

"It's been a challenge," said head teacher, Candice Dwight. "But we took it as an opportunity to show what Tom Hood is capable of, and I think these results prove we're on the right path."

- For more information on GCSE results, visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schools** or call **0845 877 0031**.



Our Future

Helping your business weather the economic storm



The Council is committed to helping local companies

The economic downturn has hit us all hard and businesses in particular have suffered. Realising the difficulties they're currently facing, Waltham Forest Council and its partners have put together a raft of measures to help local businesses and workers make their way through these tough times.

How the Council can help your business

Advice and support is available to help local businesses get the most out of the London 2012 Games, which represent a massive opportunity for our part of London. The Council is committed to helping local companies bid for London 2012-related contracts and generally make the most of the opportunities available.

The Council has also allocated funding towards the Business Apprentice Scheme and has promised to increase

the amount of its suppliers that are locally sourced so as to ensure the companies that keep our borough vibrant are well-placed to benefit from local opportunities. The Council has also committed to pay local businesses within 10 days of receiving an invoice to help speed up that all-important cash flow.

Not only has the Council introduced an option to pay business rates over 12 months rather than ten, it can also help you with regards getting Small Business Rates

Relief (SBRR). This is a government scheme that enables businesses meeting the relevant criteria to get up to 50 per cent off their business rates bill, something which could prove to be an enormous help in these difficult times.

For more information contact North London Business, our partner organisation, on 0208 885 9209 or visit: www.walthamforestbusinessboard.com

How JobCentre Plus can help your business

The Council is working hand-in-hand with JobCentre Plus (JCP) to ensure help is available for employers and employees alike.

In April 2009, JCP launched the JCP redundancy project, which helps those businesses that are struggling during the recession period. More information can be found on the Council website. Visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/jcp-redundancy-project

JCP not only helps match businesses with the best possible potential employees but can give advice to people thinking about becoming self-employed, offer £1000 subsidies to companies recruiting someone who has been out of work and also offer these new employees valuable training.

For more information on JCP services, visit www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk/employers

City Strategy Pathfinder/WorkNet Partnership Programme

The City Strategy Pathfinder/WorkNet Partnership Programme is a borough-wide initiative that supports residents going into employment or self-employment, with access to range of local services such as training courses, debt advice, benefit calculations, ESOL, individual outreach support and job brokerage services.

The scheme offers a variety of tailored training activities and can guide would-be employees towards an array of jobs and industries, including opportunities with London 2012.

As well as helping those looking for work, WorkNet works closely with employers to ensure jobseekers receive the kind of training they need to do the best possible job.

To find out more about WorkNet, call 0845 604 2012 or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/worknet

Additional resources

For full range of help visit: www.businesslink.gov.uk/realhelp or 0845 600 9006
For a free business health check visit www.businesslink.gov.uk/healthcheck



Job Centre Plus



Walthamstow High Street

Extra money in your pocket

Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit rule change

From 2 November 2009, child benefit will no longer be counted as income when we assess Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit. This means that more people with children may now be eligible for these benefits.

For example, households with two children that are not getting maximum benefits could be better off by up to £28.22 a week (this adds up to nearly £1500 a year).

As a result of this rule change, more people will be able to claim and receive Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit. If you are receiving child benefit and have never made a claim before or if you have previously made a claim but were not eligible because your income was too

high, please make a claim now so that you don't lose out.

If you want to make a claim, please complete the coupon (bottom of page) and return it to the address on the coupon.

You can also claim by telephone, online or by visiting one of our Waltham Forest Direct shops (see below for more details). If you are currently receiving Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit, we will automatically reassess your benefit from 2 November 2009 and write to you if you are affected by the change.

If you are receiving Income support, Income-based Job Seekers Allowance, Income-based Employment and Support

Allowance, Guarantee Pension Credit or you are already getting maximum Council Tax Benefit and/or Housing Benefit, the change will not affect your benefit entitlement.

To obtain an estimate of Council Tax Benefit and/or Housing Benefit you may get before and after the change, you can use the online Benefits Calculator. This calculator can be found at **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/benefits-calculator**

Please note: this is only an estimate. To claim a benefit, please make a formal application.

Contacting the Benefits Service

You can make a claim via the following:

- Telephone: call 020 8496 8550 during normal office hours (Monday–Friday between 9am–5pm).
- Online: **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/benefitsonline**
- Waltham Forest Direct (WFD) shops: Benefit officers can help you make a claim and work out your benefit entitlement on the spot if you have all the supporting documents we need. Please visit your nearest WFD shop:

WFD – Leyton 772-776 High Road, Leyton, E10 6AE

WFD – Walthamstow 137 Hoe Street, Walthamstow, E17 4RT

WFD – Leytonstone 819 High Road, Leytonstone, E11 1HQ

WFD – Chingford 265 Chingford Mount Road, Chingford, E4 8LP

WFD shops are open between 8.30am– 6pm Monday to Friday and 9am–1pm Saturday.

Please note: there are no Benefit officers at the WFD shops on Saturday but you can drop off your supporting documents and make general enquiries. The shops are at their busiest all day on Monday and Tuesday and between 12noon–3pm on all other days. You may want to visit outside these times to avoid long wait times.

- Home visit: if you are housebound and need help making a claim, we can arrange for an officer to visit you at home. To make an appointment, please contact us by telephone, email or post (contact details below).

For general enquiries, please contact us:

- Telephone: 020 8496 3000 (24 hours a day, seven days a week)
- Email: revenue.services@walthamforest.gov.uk
- Write to: The Benefits Service, PO Box 856, London E17 9PN



I wish to register my intention to make a claim for Council Tax Benefit/ Housing Benefit.

Name:

Address:

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..... Postcode:.....

Telephone number.....

Return to:

**Compliance Team
The Benefits Service
PO Box 856
London
E17 9PN**

Ref: HB/CP1

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Low cost home ownership

This is a government backed initiative designed to help First Time Buyers climb onto the property ladder. Metropolitan Home Ownership is providing this opportunity in the London area.

Contact:
www.housingoptions.co.uk or
Telephone:
020 8920 7777 or
0845 230 8099.



Rents Hotline!

020 8531 8097



Experiencing financial difficulties? Need money advice to increase your income?

Then contact Worknet through our Tenant Resource Centre at our Willow House offices, 869 Forest Road in Walthamstow. Sessions take place every Tuesday between 10am and 1pm.

Safety in your home

Gas

- We have to check the gas equipment in your home every year.
- Please ensure you keep the appointment we make with you.
- If you do smell gas, switch off the appliance and call 0800 111 999.

Smoke Alarms

- To keep your smoke alarm in good working order, you should: test it once a week, by pressing the test button until the alarm sounds
- Change the battery once a year (unless it is a ten year alarm).
- Tenants can contact Ascham Homes to receive a battery operated smoke alarm; we will also arrange installation for you.



Escape

- Plan an escape route and make sure everyone knows how to escape. It could save your life.
- Keep fire doors closed. They help to slow down the spread of fire and will give you extra time to get out.
- Find out how many doors you may need to go through to escape. It can be hard to see in smoke and you might become confused about where you are.
- Keep door and window keys where you can find them.

What we will do:

- Carry out gas safety checks every year. These are done by registered gas fitters.
- Hold gas safety certificates to show when gas appliances were last checked.
- Remove any items that are blocking communal areas, for example walkways or corridors.
- Regularly check the fire doors and other safety equipment in blocks of flats.
- Work with the local fire service to provide advice on fire safety in your home.

Keep Areas Clear

- Keep all exits from your home clear – even communal areas.
- Do not store anything on your balcony that could easily cause a fire to spread.
- You can call the Council's Bulky Refuse service on 020 8496 3000.



Electrics

- Don't use heaters for drying clothes.
- Inform us immediately if you are concerned about electric sockets (for example if you notice burn marks around plugs or cables).
- Don't fix faulty electrics yourself. Let us know.
- Extension leads and adaptors have a limit to how many appliances they can take – do not overload them.
- Use a proper adaptor when using non-UK electrical appliances. Never put two prong plugs into three prong sockets.

Stay Safe

- Avoid leaving children in the kitchen alone when cooking. Keep matches and saucepan handles out of children's reach.
- Take care when cooking with hot oil – it sets alight easily.
- Dispose of cigarettes carefully – put them out, right out.
- Make sure candles are always secure and away from materials that may catch fire.
- If there's a fire get out, stay out and call 999.
- Do not tackle a fire yourself.
- Close the door to the room where the fire is if you can do this safely.
- Leave your flat, shutting the front door behind you.
- Do not use the lift.



Fancy carrying out some Mystery Shopping?

We are looking for leaseholders and tenants to help us test our services by carrying out some Mystery Shopping. We will give Mystery Shoppers some sample questions with the answers that they should receive and they will then feedback to our Policy Manager.

Mystery Shopping can be carried out from your home, by phone, letter, e-mail or in person at our customer reception at Willow House.

If you would like to be a 'Mystery Shopper', please contact Saadia Chowdhury on 020 8496 4022 or saadia.chowdhury@aschamhomes.org.uk.

Help with your service charges

If you are having difficulties paying your service charges or if you are

- On a low income
- Entitled to or receiving Income Support
- Entitled to or receiving Pension Credit

we can arrange an appointment for you with an advisor from the Citizens Advice Bureau [CAB]. The advisor will give you free, impartial and confidential advice and will make sure that you are receiving all of the help that you are entitled to. If you would like an appointment with the CAB, please contact Kay Morgan on 020 8496 4915.

Mediation

If you disagree with us about any part of your service charges, we can offer mediation through LEASE (The Leasehold Advisory Service). The LEASE Mediation Service provides a way to settle a dispute without the need to go to court or the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal [LVT]. If you have already complained about any part of your service charges and are unhappy with our response, ask us for more information about the mediation scheme or visit www.lease-advice.org/medmain.htm.

Useful Numbers

Waltham Forest Community Credit Union [www.wfccu.org.uk]	020 8520 8740
Citizens Advice Bureau [www.walthamforestcab.org.uk/wcab]	0844 826 9696 020 8 988 9620



Leaseholder Forum

The next Leaseholder Forum meeting will be held on Thursday 17th September at Frederick Bremer School, Fulbourne Road. The meeting will start at 6.00pm.



Our Key Performance Indicators in summary

Red Badge: indicates performance out of target

Green Badge: indicates performance in target

Performance Information

In July, 83% of our Performance Indicators achieved a green status

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Target	July 2009	Status
Estate Inspections: Estates inspected achieve a grade A or B for cleanliness	99%	100%	
Leasehold service charge collection	100%	68.91	
Income collection	100.25%	98.07	
Right to repair	98.5%	98.88	
Repair appointments made and kept	98%	82.25	
Average time to complete repairs	9 days	5.43	
Letters answered within 10 days	100%	100%	

In brief



Badminton Bonanza

Racquets at the ready for the annual Waltham Forest Badminton Bonanza.

Amateur badminton enthusiasts can challenge fellow players when the 2009 event comes to the Peter May Centre, Walthamstow, on Sunday 13 September.

The tournament is an open event aimed at social-level players who would like the chance to meet and play against different people.

The day will begin with men's and women's doubles in the morning, with mixed doubles games taking place in the afternoon.

Minimum age is 16 years old, and entry is £7.50 per player.

- For more information, or to enter, call tournament secretary George Joseph on 020 8496 3000.



Morton and Millie Tesufu on the reading quest

On the reading quest

- Over 2,200 local youngsters enjoy Quest Seekers reading challenge
- Children receive prizes for reading books in summer break

Celebrating Sport Awards

Taking place this autumn, categories include

Adult team of the year	Sports performer of the year
Club of the year	Volunteer of the year
Coach of the year	Young disabled sports performer of the year
Disabled sports performer of the year	Young sports performer of the year
Junior team of the year	Young volunteer of the year

Why not nominate someone you know or your club or school?

To find out more or request a nomination pack
Telephone 020 8496 3000
Email sports.dev@walthamforest.gov.uk
Online www.walthamforest.gov.uk/celebrating-sport-awards

Nominations must be received by 18 September 2009

The quest has been on this summer to find the borough's most eager young readers with the annual summer reading challenge – Quest Seekers.

Youngsters aged up to 16 were tasked with reading six books during the school summer holidays, with every child taking part receiving a special pack and incentives along the way.

Children receive a small prize for every book they read, with those who read six books having their name entered into their library's golden book. They will also be presented with a certificate by their school in the new term.

Other events taking place during Quest Seekers have included poetry and creative writing workshops and story times.

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spoke to some of the eager bookworms who have been taking part in the challenge:

Jia Xiang Zheng, said: "I really like reading books and I've completed the challenge already. I got some stickers, a medal and a magic pen because I read six books. I like reading adventure stories and I've enjoyed the reading challenge and made new friends from coming to the library."

Millie Tesufu, said: "I've had fun doing the reading challenge and coming to things like the poetry workshop. I've read three books - my favourite types are about ballerinas and animals."

I've enjoyed the reading challenge and made new friends from coming to the library



Poet Neal Zetter helps Jia Xiang Zheng with his quest

The summer reading challenge is just one of the activities libraries run for children over the year. Why not go along to your local library and see what's on offer?

More info

For more information on Waltham Forest libraries call **020 8496 3000** or go to **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/libraries**

Fellowship is Life Arts Festival 2009

E17 Art Trail

5–13 September

Come and see art all over Walthamstow for nine days. Artists will transform spaces into temporary galleries from windows, front rooms, sheds, cafes and even telegraph poles. Over 350 artists and local people taking part. Check the website or pick up a trail programme.

www.e17arttrail.co.uk

Epping Forest Festival

Sunday 6 September, 11–4pm

Chingford Plain E4

Free entry, parking £3 per car.

A festival within the heart of Epping Forest with beer tent, hog roast, woodland crafts, tractor rides, medieval archers and forestry display.

For further information call 020 8508 0028 or visit www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/epping

Last Night of the Proms

12 September

7pm Live music from Forest Philharmonic, one of the countries leading community orchestras.

7.30pm–10.30pm Last Night of the Proms on the Big Screen

Walthamstow Town Square, E17

Party to celebrate the Last Night of the Proms broadcast by the BBC on the Big Screen in Walthamstow Town Centre, celebrating British tradition it captures the spirit of the Proms with the much loved classics.

Come along to the Town Square at Walthamstow and join in the exuberance and high spirit for the 2009 Last Night at the Proms.

Leyton Day – Young Gifted and on Stage

Sunday 13 September,
12noon–6pm

Leyton Cricket Ground,
Leyton High Road E10

Fantastic family fun with oodles of talented youth on stage to entertain you with their dancing routines and their vocal talent. Plus:

- Bouncy castles
- Face painting
- Circus workshop
- Food stalls
- Children's entertainers

A day not to be missed, bring the family, bring your friends and join us in a fun community event.

Chingford Assembly Hall Wedding Fair

Sunday 13 September,
11am–4pm,

Chingford Assembly Hall,
Station Road E4 7EN

Admission £2.50 or FREE for you and all members of your party if you preregister at www.theweddingguide.co.uk or contact Terry or Kevyn on 01268 769999.

Open House

19–20 September

Various locations across Waltham Forest

Open House London is the capitals largest architectural showcase, venues in Waltham Forest open their doors free for the weekend.

Pick up a brochure or see websites for venues taking part in the London wide Open House.

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/open-house
www.openhouse.org.uk

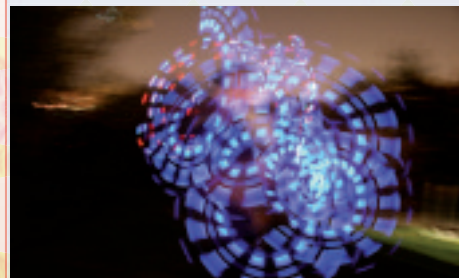
Car Free Day

20 September, 1pm–7pm

Church Lane, Leytonstone E11

Seventh annual Car Free Day to promote more sustainable options to the car.

Fun activities, family entertainment, children's play areas and food from around the world. Stage with live music and headliner act legends Aswad and Simon Webbe from Blue.



Light Up Langthorne Park

26 September, from 8pm

Langthorne Park, Leytonstone E11

The most magical event of the year. Langthorne Park comes alive with light installations and thrilling entertainment with light.

- Jedi jugglers
- Light spinners
- Fire Troupe
- Find a fairy in the herb garden
- Face painting

Not to be missed, great family fun.

For more information visit
www.walthamforest.gov.uk/light-up



Public Notices

Highways

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST GREEN FERRY WAY, E17 – NEW ‘AT ANY TIME’ WAITING RESTRICTIONS The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. 18) Order 2009

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 28th August 2009 the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest (hereinafter called “the Council”) made the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.
2. The general effect of the Order would be to introduce “at any time” waiting restrictions in Green Ferry Way, E17, the entire length.
3. Copies of the Order, which will come into operation on 2nd September 2009 and other relevant documents can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date, at:- (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; (b) The Waltham Forest Direct Shop, 265 Chingford Mount Road, Chingford, E4 8LP; and (c) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.
4. Any person desiring to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks of the making of the Order, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated 31st August 2009
Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure,
Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST ADDENDUM NEW VARIOUS AT ANY TIME WAITING RESTRICTIONS The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. *) Order 2009

On the 10th August 2009 the Council published a notice entitled ‘New Various At Any Time Waiting Restrictions, One-Way Working and Road Humps’ of which Schedule 1 is now corrected as follows:-

College Gardens and Mount Echo Drive, “E10” is replaced with “E4”; “Shernall” is replaced with “Shernhall”; and “Mead” is replaced with “Accommodation Road”. The Council apologises for any inconvenience these errors may have caused. The 21 day objection in regards to the above roads will begin again from the date of this notice.

Dated 31st August 2009
Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure,
Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

Planning

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995 - NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for planning permission has been made to the Council for which additional publicity is required.

APPL.NO 2009/1028

APPLICANT London and Quadrant Housing Trust

ADDRESS Edith Pearson Lodge, Robinia Crescent
Leyton, London E10 5TL

PROPOSAL Demolition of existing buildings and construction of 2 to 4 storey buildings to form 34 residential units (5x3 bed houses, 13x4 bed houses, 14x2 bed self contained flats and 2x1 bed self contained flats).

APPL.NO 2009/1050

APPLICANT Mr David Leah

ADDRESS 95-105 St Andrews Road & Clayton Court

2 Lowther Road, Walthamstow E17 6BA

PROPOSAL Demolition of existing buildings and construction of 30 new dwellings, comprising 1x4 bed house, 14x2 bed flats and 15x3 bed flats, provision of 22 parking spaces.

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995 - NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8 & PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 - SECTION 67

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for planning permission and listed building consent have been made to the Council for which additional publicity is required.

APPL.NO 2009/1048 & 2009/1049/LB

APPLICANT The Incorporated Trustees of The Uckg
Helpcentre

ADDRESS Canon Cinema186 Hoe Street, The Victoria
Public House184B Hoe street and 186A/186B Hoe
StreetWalthamstow, London E17.

PROPOSAL Change of use of former cinema, 186 Hoe Street, The Victoria Public House and 186A/186B Hoe Street to mixed use development comprising of religious, community/assembly, cafe and retail uses (A1/A3/D1/ D2/C3) involving side and rear extensions to form 5 self contained flats (2x2 bed and 3x1 bed) on 2nd/3rd floor for staff associated with the proposed use and associated works. Alterations to front facade and internal alterations.

The applications are open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. You may also view the application at Walthamstow Library, High Street Walthamstow, E17 7JN between Monday, 10am-8pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30am-8pm Wednesday, 9.30am-6pm Saturday, 9.30am-5pm.

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 - SECTION 67

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application affecting a Listed Building has been made to the Council.

APPL.NO 2009/1022

APPLICANT Mr Douglas Ward

ADDRESS Whippys Cross Hospital, Whippys Cross Road
Leytonstone, London E11 1NR

PROPOSAL Construction of part single, part 2 storey extensions to provide replacement Accident & Emergency facilities. Repositioning of internal access road and helpaid via compound and ambulance parking area.

APPL.NO 2009/1029

APPLICANT Mr Hilary Hinds

ADDRESS 28 Holmcroft House, 14 Orford Road
Walthamstow E17 9LL

PROPOSAL Installation of satellite dish on rear wall of building.

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

Dated 31st August 2009
David Scourfield - Head of Development Control
on Behalf of London Borough of Waltham Forest

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Highways

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST NEW CAR CLUB SPACES

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 28th August 2009, the London Borough of Waltham Forest (the Council) made The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. 19) Order 2009, The Waltham Forest (Voucher Parking) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2009, The Waltham Forest (Car Club) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. 1) Order 2009 under sections 6, 45 and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders will be to:

(a) Introduce new car club parking spaces at the following locations (NOTE: in some cases the implementation of the Car Club parking spaces will result in a loss of existing parking facilities as outlined below);

(i) HARRIS STREET, (x1 space), the south-east side, by its junction with Hibbert Road;

(ii) VERNON ROAD, (x2 spaces), the north-west side, by its junction with Harrington Road (loss of 12m permit parking space);

(iii) ST. ANDREW'S ROAD, (x1 space), the south-east side, by its junction with Poppleton Road;

(iv) FLETCHER LANE, (1 space), the north-west side, by its junction with High Road, Leyton;

(v) AYLMER ROAD, (x1 space), the south-west side, by its junction with Carlton Road;

(vi) DAVIES LANE, (x 1 space), the north side, by its junction with High Road, Leytonstone (loss of 6m of voucher parking space);

(viii) HARROW GREEN, (x1 space), the north-east side

of triangle site at junction with High Road Leytonstone, opposite the Church;

(b) provide that vehicles displaying a valid car club permit may:

(i) park “at any time” in its respective car club parking space described in paragraph 2(a);

(ii) use any permit parking space in the London Borough of Waltham Forest;

(c) provide that the charge for the car club permit payable by the car club operator and will be valid until 30 September 2010;

(d) provide that car club permits will only be issued to passenger vehicles or goods carrying vehicles belonging to a bona fide car club authorised by the Council.

3. Copies of the Orders, which will come into operation on 2nd September 2009 and other relevant documents can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date, at:- (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; (b) The Waltham Forest Direct Shop, 265 Chingford Mount Road, Chingford, E4 8LP; and (c) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

4. Any person desiring to question the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Orders may, within six weeks of the making of the Orders, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated 31st August 2009
Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure,
Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue,
London, E10 7AS.

Public rights of way



Current situation

Public rights of way are minor public highways that exist for the benefit of the community at large, in much the same way as the public road network. There are numerous footpaths, lanes and alleyways that form a network of public rights of way within Waltham Forest. Many of these form part of the public highway but are not currently shown on the Council's Definitive Map of Rights of Way.

What are we proposing?

The Council is updating the Definitive Map of Rights of Way within Waltham Forest. The recording of a right of way on the

Definitive Map is a legal record of its existence at the date of the map. It is the Council's intention to add all rights of way eg: footpaths and alleyways, which currently form part of the public highway, onto the Definitive Map. There will be a statutory consultation process undertaken and notices will be placed on each of the routes.

What does this mean?

All of the routes being added as part of this process are already part of the public highway. This means they are already inspected and maintained at public expense. Adding these routes to the

Definitive Map is an administrative process and legal requirement. There are no additional implications for nearby residents and businesses. As part of the public highway network, members of the public already have a right to pass along these routes and the Council has a duty to remove any obstructions.

If you would like more information please contact Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000 or check out the relevant pages on our website www.walthamforest.gov.uk/public-rights-of-way



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